

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

MTA Gives Notice of Six Public Hearings
Regarding Proposed Express BusLink
Service and Changes to Existing
Local and Express Bus Services

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June 2016 Service Change Proposals

Notice of Public Hearings

MTA gives notice of six public hearings to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on proposed Express BusLink service and changes to existing Bus service that may become effective on or about June 19, 2016.

Schedule of Public Hearings

Monday, March 21, 2016

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Towson Library, Towson Room

320 York Road

Towson, MD 21204

Access via Nos. 3, 8, 11, 12, 48

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Linthicum Community Library

400 Shipley Road

Linthicum, MD 21090

Access via Linthicum Light Rail Stop

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Woodlawn Library

1811 Woodlawn Drive

Baltimore, MD 21207

Access via Nos. 44 and 57

Thursday, March 24, 2016

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

White Marsh Library

8133 Sandpiper Circle

Baltimore, MD 21236

Access via Nos. 35, 58, and 120

Monday, March 28, 2016

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Owings Mills Library, Room A

10302 Grand Central Avenue

Owings Mills, MD 21117

Access via Nos. 56, 59, and Metro Subway

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

4:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP

801 S. Caroline Street

Baltimore, MD 21231

Access via Nos. 21 and 31

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Where to find complete details of the proposed transit service changes:

1. Full text detailing the proposed changes is available for public review in the lobby of the Wm. Donald Schaefer Building at 6 St. Paul Street in Baltimore.
2. Request a hard copy of the proposed changes by calling 410-454-5000.
3. Continue reading below.

Interested persons are invited to present their views at a public hearing. The MTA will continue to accept written statements until 5:00 PM on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Options to submit written comments:

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Summary of Proposed Service Changes

The first phase of implementation of the BaltimoreLink plan includes improvements to MTA Express Bus service. These improvements include the introduction of Express BusLink routes 102, 106, and 107; service changes to Express Bus No. 150 line; and service changes to Local Bus line Nos. 77 and 99. The proposed changes may become effective on June 19, 2016.

- New Express BusLink 102 to connect Towson and White Marsh, with stops at the Baltimore County Circuit Court, Towson Town Center, North Plaza Mall and Fox Hall apartments.
- Add the Express BusLink 106 to connect Towson and the Owings Mills Metro Subway station with stops in Pikesville, Towson Town Center, Baltimore County Circuit Court, and Towson University.
- New Express BusLink 107 to connect the BWI Airport and BWI Rail Station to the Old Court Metro Subway station, with stops in the vicinity of Security Square Mall, Catonsville, Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Catonsville, and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).
- Improve service on Express Bus No. 150 line by extending every trip through downtown Baltimore to Harbor East and increasing the efficiency of the service by eliminating service to the Long Gate Park and Ride and along Edmondson Avenue between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road.
- Improve the efficiency of service on Local Bus No. 77 line by adding trips to peak service between Old Court Metro Subway Station and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).
- Eliminate Local Bus No. 99 line.

Express Bus line Nos. 103, 104, 105, 110, 115, 119, 120, 160, and 164 will remain unchanged.

New Express BusLink 102: Towson to White Marsh

New express service connecting Towson and White Marsh, with stops at the Baltimore County Circuit Court, Towson Town Center, North Plaza Mall, and Fox Hall apartments.

See map of Express BusLink 102 for details.

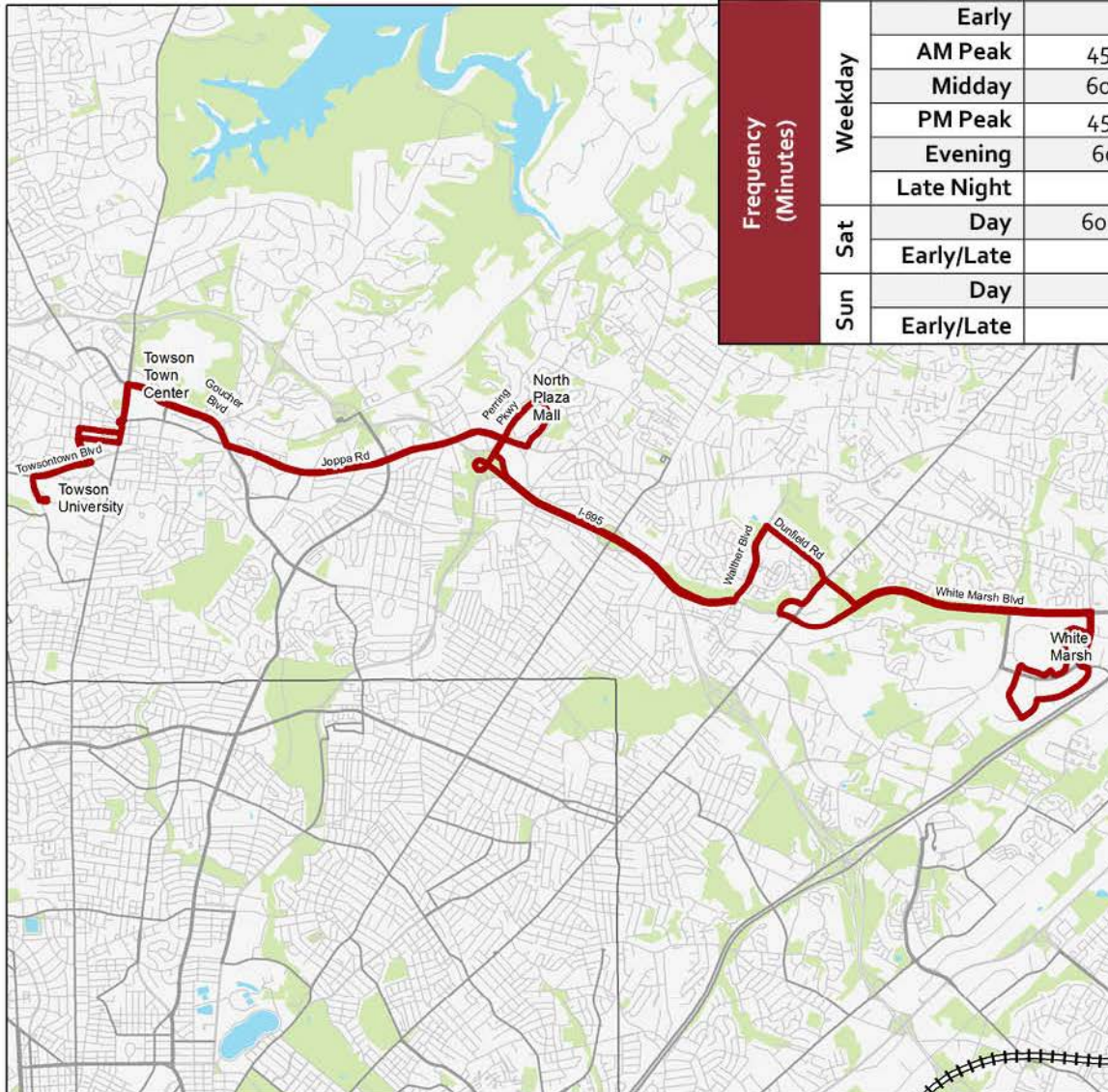
Justification

- This route will provide a new express connection between the White Marsh Mall/White Marsh Park and Ride and Towson Town Center, as well as new service to Fox Hall apartments, North Plaza Mall, and portions of Joppa Road.
- These areas have demonstrated a high transit demand. MTA received numerous requests for service during the Bus Network Improvement Project (BNIP) public outreach process. This route will reduce travel times between White Marsh and Towson from 70 minutes to 55 minutes.

Route Alignment

- Eastbound service (towards White Marsh) depart terminus at the Towson University Union Garage and travel north on Osler Drive, right on Towsontown Boulevard, left onto Bosley Avenue, right onto Chesapeake Avenue to serve Baltimore County Circuit House, left onto York Road and then onto Dulaney Valley Road to serve the Towson Town Center, then continue right onto Fairmount Avenue, left onto Joppa Road, left onto Perring Parkway, right onto Waltham Woods Road to serve North Plaza Mall, then back onto Joppa Road to Perring Parkway and then onto I-695 east. The route exits I-695 to travel east on White Marsh Boulevard, turn left onto Walther Boulevard and serve Fox Hall Apartments and then right onto Dunfield Road, right onto Belair Road, take the ramp to White Marsh Boulevard, left onto White Marsh Boulevard and right onto Honeygo Boulevard to serve the White Marsh Park and Ride, then loop around the White Marsh Mall on Honeygo Boulevard, turn left onto Sandpiper Circle, left onto Corporate Drive, right onto Town Center Drive, left onto Campbell Boulevard, and then return to Honeygo Boulevard to the terminus.
- Westbound service will operate similar to the eastbound service in reverse, with the exception of two short segments: 1) Exit White Marsh Boulevard directly onto Dunfield Road and, 2) Travel via Pennsylvania Avenue in Towson to serve the Baltimore County Circuit Court.

NEW Express BusLink 102



Legend

- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- ==== MARC
- Current MTA Core Bus System



0 1 Miles



Service Levels

Express BusLink 102			
Span	Weekday		6:00am-8:00pm
	Saturday		8:00am-7:00pm
	Sunday		-
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	45 (4 roundtrips)
		Midday	60 (6 roundtrips)
		PM Peak	45 (5 roundtrips)
		Evening	60 (1 roundtrip)
		Late Night	-
	Sat	Day	60 (11 roundtrips)
		Early/Late	-
	Sun	Day	-
		Early/Late	-

New Express BusLink 106: Owings Mills Metro Subway Station to Towson

New express service will connect the Owings Mills Metro Subway station and Towson with stops in Pikesville, Towson Town Center, Baltimore County Circuit Court, and Towson University.

See map of Express BusLink 106 for details.

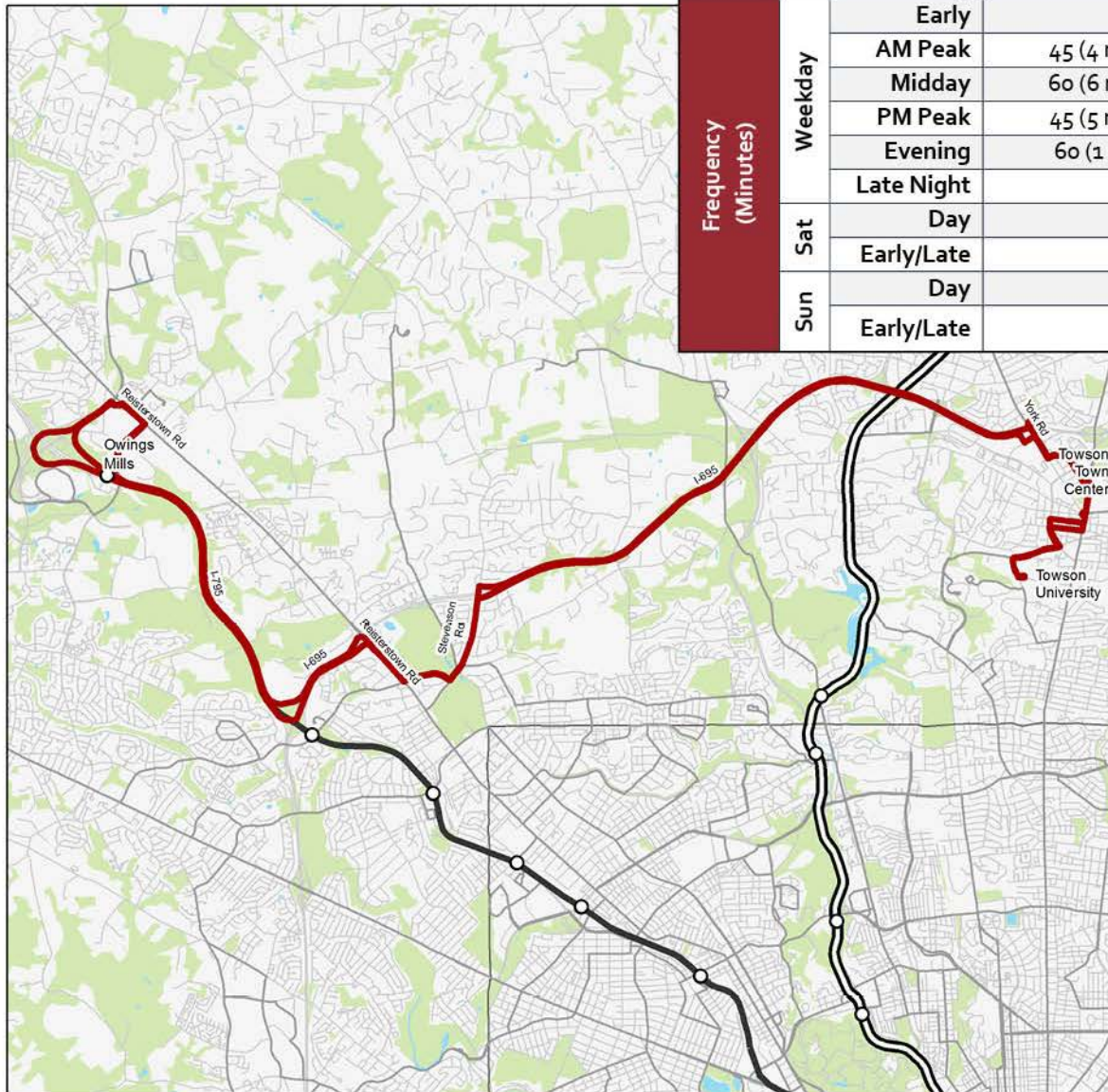
Justification

- This route will provide a new express connection between major job sites in Owings Mills, Pikesville, and Towson.
- One-way travel time between Owings Mills and Towson will reduce from 80 minutes to 45 minutes.

Route Alignment

- Eastbound (towards Towson) depart terminus at the Owings Mills Metro Subway station, travel north on Painters Mill Road, turn left onto Reisterstown Road, left onto Owings Mills Boulevard, and then via southbound I-795 will travel north on I-695 to Reisterstown Road then travel south to serve Pikesville and then turn left onto Old Court Road, left onto Stevenson Road, onto I-695 east to York Road travel south turning left onto Fairmount Avenue, right onto Dulaney Valley Road to serve Towson Town Center, continue south on York Road to serve the Baltimore County Circuit Court via Pennsylvania Avenue, then turn left onto Bosley Avenue, right onto Towsontown Boulevard, and left onto Olser Drive to terminus at Towson University near Union Drive.
- Westbound service will operate similar to the eastbound service in reverse with the exception of traveling via Chesapeake Avenue in Towson to serve the Baltimore County Circuit Court.

NEW Express BusLink 106



Legend

- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- Current MTA Core Bus System
- == Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink



0 1 Miles



Service Levels

Express BusLink 106

Frequency (Minutes)	Span	Weekday	6:00am-8:00pm
		Saturday	-
		Sunday	-
	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	45 (4 roundtrips)
		Midday	60 (6 roundtrips)
		PM Peak	45 (5 roundtrips)
		Evening	60 (1 roundtrip)
		Late Night	-
	Sat	Day	-
		Early/Late	-
	Sun	Day	-
		Early/Late	-

New Express BusLink 107: BWI Airport/Rail Station to Old Court Metro Subway Station

New express service will operate during morning and evening peak services, connecting the BWI Airport and BWI Rail Station to the Old Court Metro Subway station, with stops in the vicinity of Security Square Mall, Catonsville, Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Catonsville, and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).

See map of Express BusLink 107 for details.

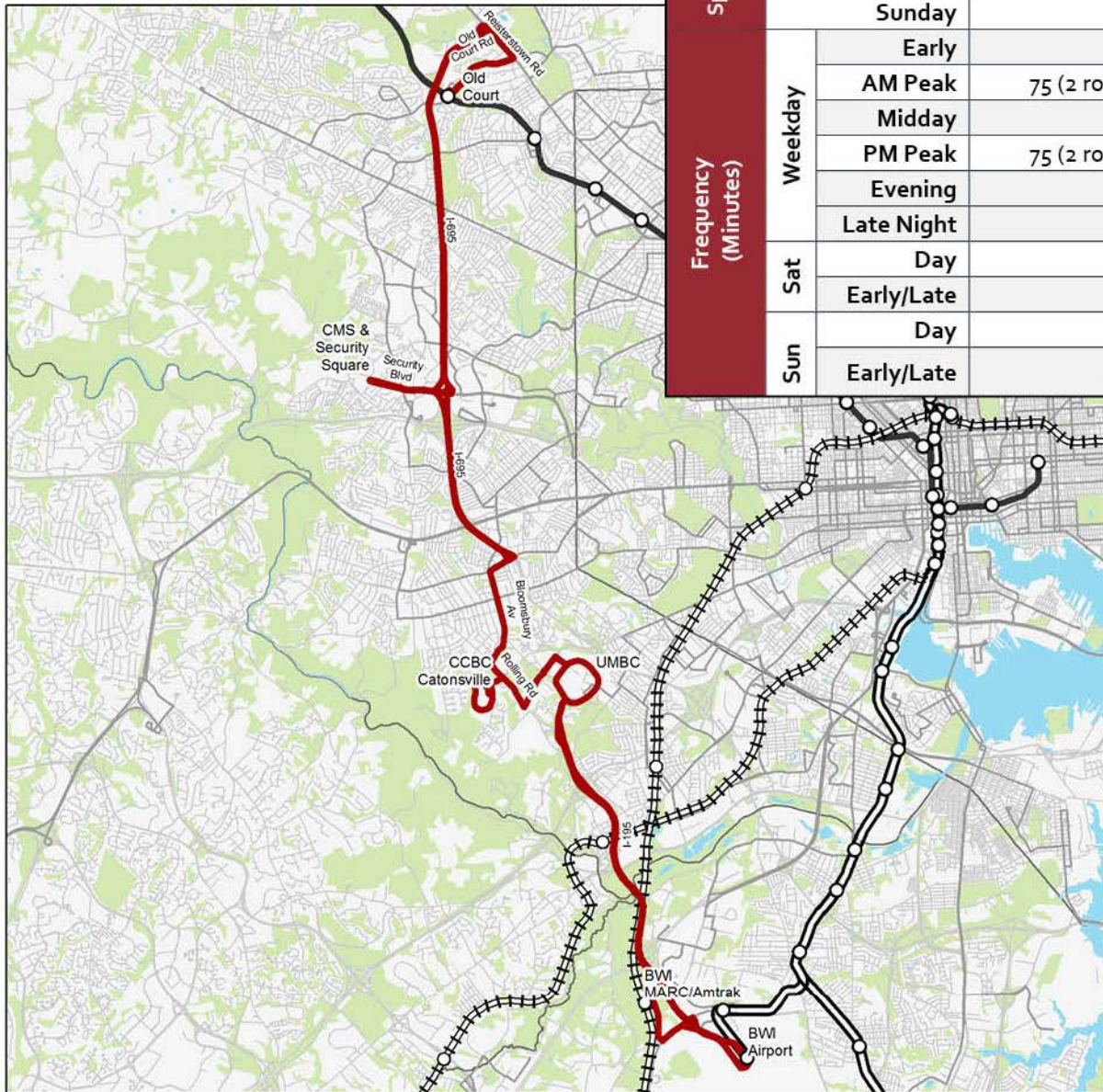
Justification

- This route will provide a quicker connection for riders currently traveling on Local Bus line Nos. 77 and 99 during morning and evening peak services between the Old Court Metro Subway station, Security Square Mall, Catonsville, UMBC, CCBC Catonsville, BWI Airport and BWI Rail Station.
- The desire for this quicker connection was communicated through the public outreach process for the Bus Network Improvement Project (BNIP).

Route Alignment

- Northbound (towards Old Court Metro Subway) from the BWI Rail Station, stop at the BWI Airport, then travel northbound on I-195, exit onto UMBC Boulevard and turn left onto Hilltop Circle to serve UMBC, then turn left onto Wilkens Avenue, right onto Rolling Road, serve the CCBC Catonsville campus, then return to Rolling Road, turn right onto Bloomsbury Avenue to Ingleside Avenue and then right onto Edmondson Avenue, to serve Catonsville, then via I-695 to Security Boulevard provide service to Security Square Mall and CMS, then return to I-695 eastbound to Reisterstown Road, travel south, right onto Old Court Road, terminating at the Old Court Metro Subway station.
- Southbound (towards BWI) service will operate similar to the northbound route in reverse.

NEW Express BusLink 107



Service Levels

ExpressBusLink 107

Span	Frequency (Minutes)		Weekday	6:30am-9:00am; 4:00pm-6:00pm
			Saturday	-
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday		Sunday	-
			Early	-
			AM Peak	75 (2 roundtrips)
			Midday	-
			PM Peak	75 (2 roundtrips)
			Evening	-
			Late Night	-
			Sat	Day
Sun			Early/Late	-
			Day	-
			Early/Late	-

Legend

- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- ==== MARC
- == Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Current MTA Core Bus System



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Express BusLink 150: Columbia Town Center to Downtown/Harbor East

- Express BusLink 150 will be a modified version of the current Express Bus No. 150 line, providing express service between Columbia Town Center and downtown Baltimore, and extending service to Harbor East.
- Service will be eliminated to the Long Gate Park and Ride and along Edmondson Avenue between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road.
- Every trip will provide service to Harbor East.

See map of Express BusLink 150 for details.

Justification

- Due to low ridership, and indirect routing, segments to Long Gate Park and Ride and Edmondson Avenue (between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road only) will be removed from this route.
- Service will be extended to Harbor East, a major job destination for Columbia residents.

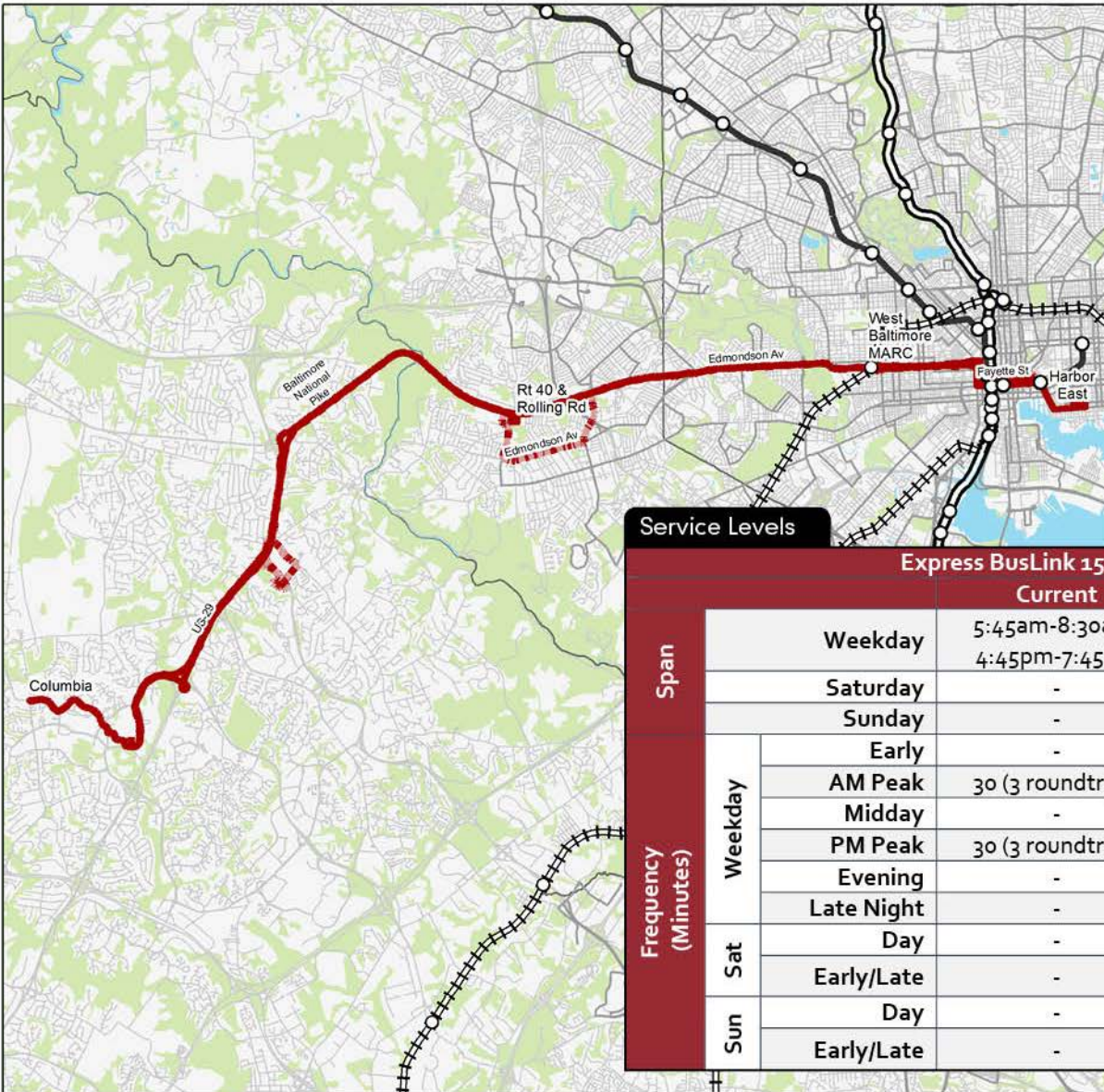
Route Alignment

- Eastbound (towards Baltimore) from the terminus at Cedar Lane and Harpers Farm Road, turn left onto Twin Rivers Road to serve the Columbia Town Center, then travel north onto Little Patuxent Parkway, left onto Route 29/Columbia Pike, exit onto Route 40/Baltimore National Pike, serve the current Walmart and Giant bus stop at Rolling Road, then continue east on Route 40 via the current alignment of the Express Bus No. 150 line through Catonsville and West Baltimore to downtown Baltimore, then continue east on Baltimore Street, right onto President Street, left onto Fleet Street terminating at Caroline Street.
- Westbound (towards Columbia) service will operate similar to the eastbound route in reverse, travelling via Fayette Street through downtown Baltimore.

Rider Impact

- Riders will no longer be able to make a connection at Long Gate Park and Ride.
- Local Bus No. 23 line will continue to serve riders on Edmondson Avenue between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road.
- Riders can continue to transfer between the No. 23 line and the new Express BusLink 150 at the Walmart and Giant bus stop on Route 40 at Rolling Road.

Express BusLink 150



Service Levels

Express BusLink 150			
Span		Current	Proposed
		Weekday 5:45am-8:30am; 4:45pm-7:45pm	5:45am-8:30am; 4:45pm-7:45pm
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday	Saturday -	-
		Sunday -	-
	Weekday	Early -	-
		AM Peak 30 (3 roundtrips)	30 (3 roundtrips)
		Midday -	-
		PM Peak 30 (3 roundtrips)	30 (3 roundtrips)
		Evening -	-
		Late Night -	-
	Sat	Day -	-
		Early/Late -	-
	Sun	Day -	-
		Early/Late -	-

Legend

- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- Eliminated Service
- MARC
- Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Current MTA Core Bus System



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Current Local Bus No. 77 Line: Old Court Metro Subway Station to Patapsco Light Rail Stop

Enhance service with additional trips during morning and evening peak services between the Old Court Metro Subway Station and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).

See map of Local Bus line Nos. 77 and 99 for details.

Justification

The enhanced peak services will provide additional service to current Local Bus No. 99 line riders.

Route Alignment

- Route alignment will remain unchanged.
- The additional trips will only operate between Old Court Metro Subway Station and UMBC.

Rider Impact

- Riders who currently use Local Bus line Nos. 77 and 99 between Old Court Metro Subway Station and UMBC will be served by additional trips.

Current No. 99 Line: Old Court Metro Subway Station to BWI Airport

Eliminate service and replace with new Express BusLink 107, which will align with much of the current Local Bus No. 99 line.

See map of Local Bus line Nos. 77 and 99 for details.

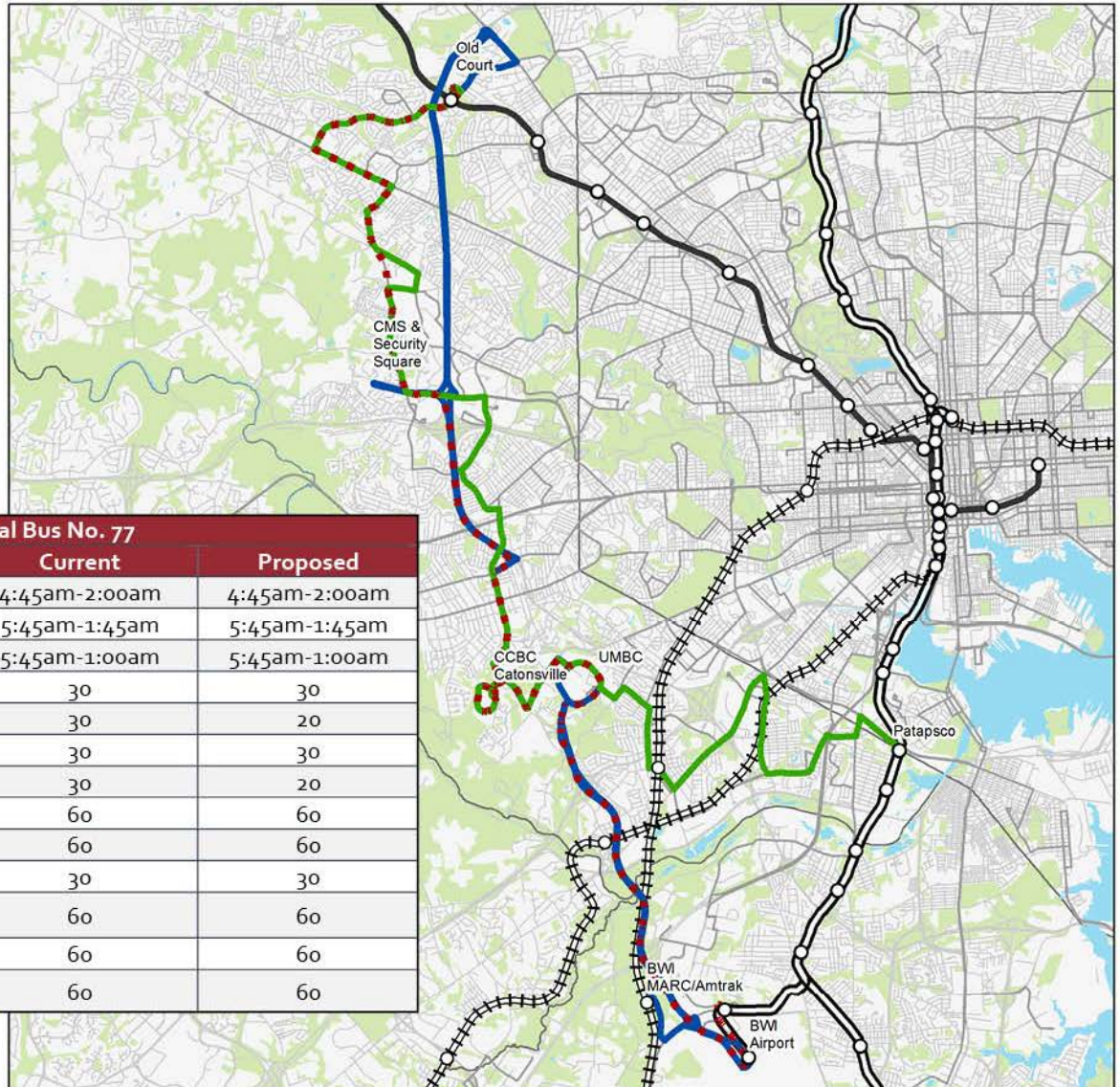
Justification

- Much of Local Bus No. 99 line duplicates the route of Local Bus No. 77 line and the new Express BusLink 107. Route will be eliminated to reduce rider confusion and to streamline services.
- To provide the same combined level of service as current Local Bus line Nos. 77 and 99, one trip per hour during peak service periods, will be added to the Local Bus No. 77 line.
- The additional peak service trips on Local Bus No. 77 line will also supplement Express BusLink 107 between Old Court Metro Subway Station and UMBC.
- Between Security Square Mall and Old Court Metro Subway station, the new Express BusLink 107 will operate via I-695, rather than to follow the Local Bus No. 99 line alignment along Rolling Road, Milford Mill Road, and Liberty Road.

Rider Impact

- Riders who board Local Bus No. 99 line at bus stops located on Old Court Road, Liberty Road, Milford Mill Road, Rolling Road, Windsor Mill Road, Lord Baltimore Drive or Windsor Boulevard will utilize the enhanced Local Bus No. 77 line.
- Peak service riders who currently board Local Bus No. 99 line at the Old Court Metro Subway Station or south of Security Square Mall will be able to utilize the new Express BusLink 107 for a quicker trip to Catonsville, Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Catonsville, UMBC and BWI Airport.
- Express BusLink 107 riders will pay the 40 cents surcharge for express service.

Enhanced Local Bus No. 77 Eliminated Local Bus No. 99



Service Levels

Local Bus No. 77

Span		Current		Proposed	
		Weekday	4:45am-2:00am	4:45am-2:00am	
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday	Saturday	5:45am-1:45am	5:45am-1:45am	
		Sunday	5:45am-1:00am	5:45am-1:00am	
		Early	30	30	
		AM Peak	30	20	
		Midday	30	30	
		PM Peak	30	20	
		Evening	60	60	
		Late Night	60	60	
	Sat	Day	30	30	
		Early/Late	60	60	
	Sun	Day	60	60	
		Early/Late	60	60	

Legend

- Rail Station
- ■ ■ ■ MARC
- Current MTA Core Bus System
- ■ ■ ■ Eliminated 99
- Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Enhanced 77
- Proposed
- Express BusLink 107



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